

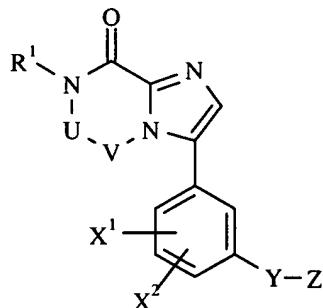
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice and insert therefore new Claims 11-20. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (new) A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

wherein:

-U-V- represents -CH=CH-, or -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-, -N=CH- or -CH=N-;

X<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy;

X<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen or halogen;

Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- or -OCH<sub>2</sub>- linkage;

Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group;

R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, trifluoromethyl, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, -COR<sup>a</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup> or -CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>; and

R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group.

12. (new) The compound of Claim 11 wherein -U-V- represents -CH=CH- and Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or an -NH- linkage.

13. (new) The compound of Claim 11 wherein Y is a chemical bond.

14. (new) The compound of Claim 11 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, ethyl, fluoroethyl, difluoroethyl, trifluoroethyl, isopropyl, methyl-triazolylmethyl or pyridinylmethyl.

15. (new) The compound of Claim 11 wherein X<sup>1</sup> is fluorine and X<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen.

16. (new) The compound of Claim 11 wherein Z is a substituted phenyl or triazolyl group.

17. (new) A compound which is selected from the group consisting of:  
2'-fluoro-5'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
5'-(7-ethyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-2'-fluorobiphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
2'-fluoro-5'-[7-(2-fluoroethyl)-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
5'-[7-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]-2'-fluorobiphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-ethyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-[7-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl]biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;

4,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-(1-methylethyl)-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
3-chloro-2'-fluoro-5'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-4-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-(2-fluoroethyl)-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
4'-fluoro-3'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
5'-fluoro-3'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
2,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-biphenyl-4-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-(2-methyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-ylmethyl)-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
3-[4-fluoro-3-(1-methyl-1H-[1,2,3]triazol-4-ylmethoxy)phenyl]-7-methyl-7H-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-one;  
3-[4-fluoro-3-(2-methyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-ylmethoxy)phenyl]-7-methyl-7H-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-one;  
7-ethyl-3-[4-fluoro-3-(2-methyl-2H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-ylmethoxy)phenyl]-7H-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-8-one;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-(8-oxo-7-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-ethyl-8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
5,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-ethyl-8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;

6,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-ethyl-8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
6,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
6,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-ethyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)-biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
5,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-[8-oxo-7-(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
6,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
4,2'-difluoro-5'-(7-methyl-8-oxo-7,8-dihydroimidazo[1,2-d][1,2,4]triazin-3-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
3'-(1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropurin-9-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claim 11 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

19. (new) A method for the treatment of anxiety, convulsions or a cognitive disorder which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound of Claim 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (new) A method for the prevention of anxiety, convulsions or a cognitive disorder which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound of Claim 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.